



ACT-SO GUIDELINES

Short Story (NYC ACT-SO only)

A short story is a work of fiction that is usually written in prose, often in narrative format. This format tends to be more pointed than longer works of fiction, such as novellas (in the 20th and 21st century sense) and novels.

Requirements

1. Only one (1) notarized Short Story to be written by the contestant, with six (6) copies of the notarized original should be submitted on or before the specified deadline. The top of each page must include the contestant's name, page number, and unit name and number.
2. The Short Story must be typed and double-spaced; not to exceed fifteen (15) pages.
3. The contestant must be prepared to answer questions by the judges.

Contestants Will Be Judged by the Following Criteria

- **Characterization** (20 pts)
- **Plot and Structure** (20 pts)
- **Theme** (20 PTS)
- **Creativity and Originality** (20 pts)
- **Style** (10 pts)
- **Mechanics** (10 pts)

100 Total